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Application of: Polo Filisan

For: Universal Signal Distribution System

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Sir:

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the above identified application, and has been entitled to be asserted for the above identified application since its filing date.

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

On May 26, 2006 applicant filed a Request For Extension Of Time of three months to respond to a final office action in the above identified application, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). At the time these requests were filed, although

no assertion of small entity status had been made, the application was entitled to small entity status. The small entity fees of \$510 (extension of time) and \$395 (RCE) were charged to a credit card.

The Request for Continued Examination stated that:

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0735.

The Request for Extension of Time stated that:

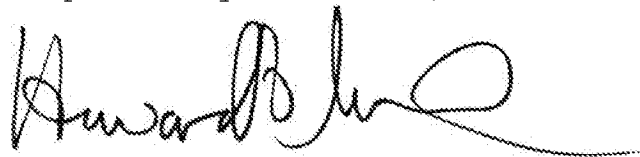
The extension fee in the amount of \$510.00, if not paid by credit card, plus any fee required to keep the case alive, and not transmitted herewith, should be debited to deposit account no. 06-0735.

Thus the Patent and Trademark Office was authorized to charge the difference of \$905 between the large and small entity fees for the extension request and RCE in the absence of an assertion of small entity status.

In view of the timely claim of small entity status now made herein, a refund of any charge for the difference between the large and small entity fees in the amount of \$905.00 is requested.

The refund may be credited to deposit account no. 06-0735.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard F. Mandelbaum", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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